

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Thomas M. Soukup et al.	Examiner:	Fangemonique Smith
Serial No.:	10/752,466	Group Art Unit:	3736
Filed:	January 6, 2004	Docket No.:	H583.104.102
Title:	STEERABLE STYLET		

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2009, in which a Species Election was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Species I: drawn to a steerable stylet device having a stylet wire, a core wire and a handle having a means for adjusting the relative tension between the core wire and stylet wire and Species II: drawn to a steerable stylet device having a stylet wire, a core wire, a handle having a means for adjusting the relative tension between the core wire and stylet wire, and a tension limiter to limit the tension force applied between the core wire and stylet wire of the device.

In response, Applicants hereby elects Species I consisting of at least claims 1-59.

Having thus addressed the Species Election imposed by the Examiner, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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